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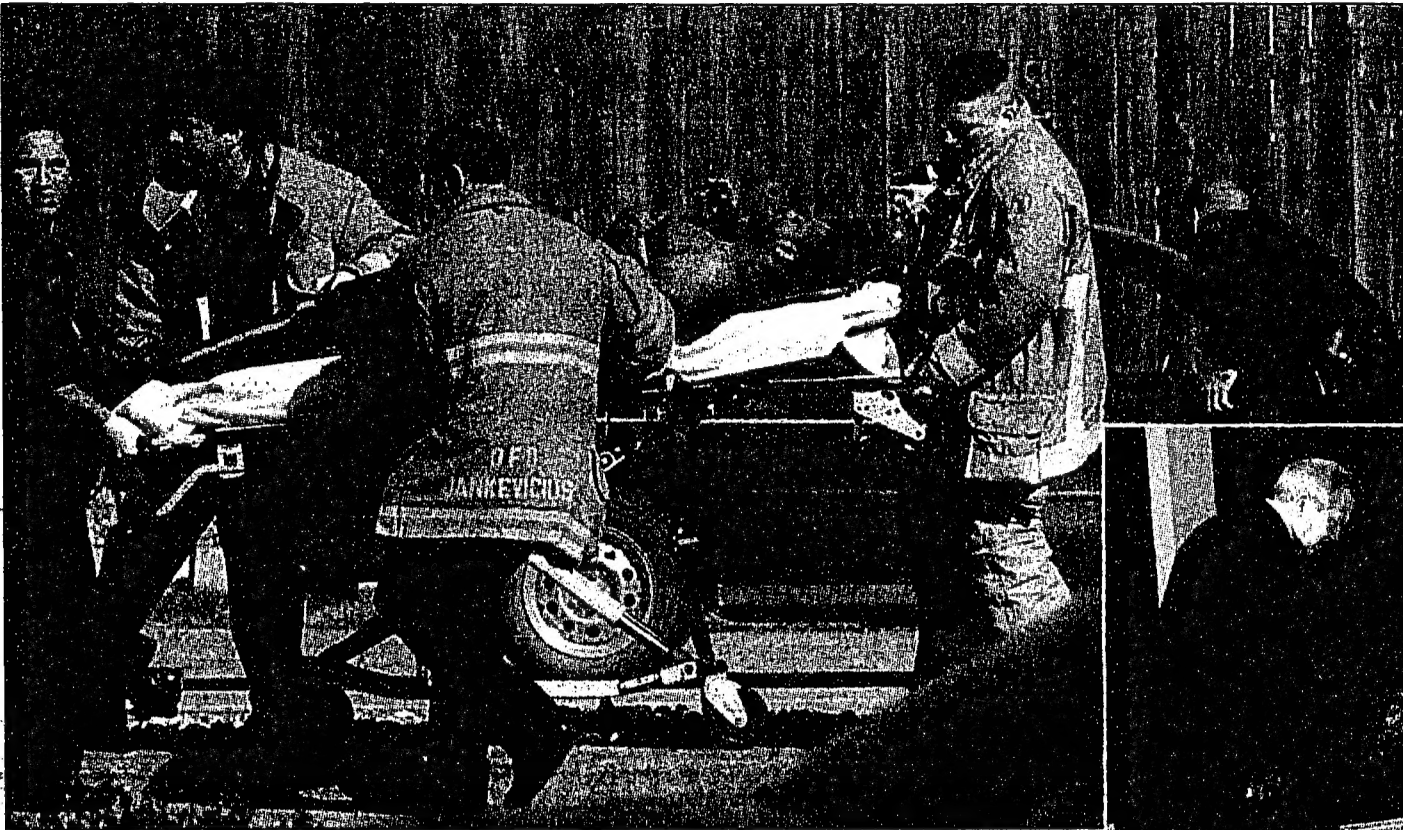
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# The Gateway

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## Officer Shot Trying to Stop Robbery



Above: Off-duty Omaha Police Officer Jeff Holland is being rushed by Omaha Fire and Rescue to an awaiting ambulance after being shot in the chest and leg when he attempted to stop a bank robbery Wednesday morning. Holland has been upgraded to serious condition.



Right: A police officer combs the crime scene gathering evidence outside the Great Western Bank at 48th and L Streets.

CHRIS MACHIAN

Photo Editor

An off-duty police officer was shot during an attempted robbery at the Great Western Bank branch at 48th and L st wednesday morning.

Jeff Holland, an off duty police officer working as a security guard at the bank recieved chest wounds from shots fired. Holland was taken by ambulance to St Joeseeph Hospital. A spokesman at St. Joeseeph Hospital said he has been upgraded to serious condi-

tion and is expected to make a recovery.

According to the Omaha police 42-year-old Bradley Allen Simmons entered the bank and pointed a gun at Officer Holland and ordered Holland to handcuff himself.

Holland then lunged at Simmons and physically overpowered him and disarmed him.

Then, according to police 41-year-old Gregory J. Bernal walked into the bank and fired at Holland wounding him in the chest and leg.

Bernal was detained by a bank customer until police could arrive. He was taken to the hospital with what appeared to be several lacerations, and was covered in blood. He was concious and moving.

Simmons was captured by the Missouri State troopers after a high speed chase on interstate 29 just outside of St Joseph MO.

Bernal is being held at Omaha Police Headquarters under suspicion of Robbery, Two counts of Use of a Weapon to commit a felony, and Attempted 1st degree murder.

## Programming Focus of Budget Debate

JANET STYFFE

News Editor

In the debate over a proposed \$2750 cut to the American Multicultural Student agency budget, the central question is the future of multicultural student programming.

A question arose regarding whether student agencies, such as AMS, are allowed under Internal Operating Procedures and Regental Policy to present programs.

Internal Operating Procedures allow for AMS to do student programming. It is unclear so far whether there is a regental policy which would prohibit programming by student agencies.

Programming is a very important part of campus life, said Nathan Thompson, programming organization advisor for the Student Programming Organization.

"It gives people something to do. It ties them into the

campus community. It involves the student in the university more than just attending classes and leaving," Thompson said.

Thompson said one of the biggest misconceptions of the debate has been that the money proposed to be cut from the AMS budget will be going to the Student Programming Organization. He said SPO did not request the money proposed to be cut from the AMS budget.

"We did not have any part in that decision," said Kathy Denker, chair of SPO's Diversity Committee.

Because of the way SPO and agencies are budgeted, SPO could not have requested the money from the proposed AMS budget cut. AMS is budgeted as a line-item and given a specific dollar amount.

SPO, along with Student Government and the Gateway, is budgeted on a per-student basis by

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Athena Ramos, student director of AMS, is concerned about possible budget cuts to her organization.

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## College of Education Celebrates 50 Years with Education Fair

DANA NELSEN

Staff Writer

History notes the humble beginning of what is now called the College of Education on April 15, 1950. For those who failed the math placement test, that's 50 years ago — a tremendously long time to wait for a golden anniversary celebration. Perhaps this explains the college's decision to celebrate a month early in March.

Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sapp Fieldhouse, the college will kick off its "Teaming for Excellence" 50-year-anniversary celebration by hosting an education fair. The event is free and open to the public, with area school districts participating.

Bellevue, Millard, Omaha and Westside Public Schools will each have a booth at the fair featuring their accomplishments. Over 40 total booths will be the fair's staple, offering a diverse range of interactive activities, including sign language instruction, pulmonary and grip-strength testing, student athletes' autographs and multiple intelligence assessment tests. Henry Doorly Zoo's booth will have its aviary display and information on the zoo's role in education.

Other expected crowd-pleasers will be the UNO physics department's CAPOW! van and the Maverick Space Shuttle Simulation Laboratory, where real NASA missions can be viewed. CAPOW! explores the mysteries of science with experiments designed to entertain audiences with explosions, colored fire and other physics-related magic.

Local singing groups, jazz bands, dance teams and a professional mime will also be performing.

Later Saturday evening, a patron party, dinner and silent auction will be held in the Maverick Room of the Milo Bail Student Center. Four local businesses will be honored for their roles in furthering education in Omaha. They include Union Pacific for its contributions in exercise physiology, education internships and scholarships; US West for their donation toward the student technology lab on the fifth floor of the College of Education; and both the Peter Kiewit Foundation and Scottish

Rite for the scholarships they've provided.

Dean John Christensen of the College of Education said Dr. Marge Haroff of the Nebraska Department of Education will also be honored. "She works with all the teacher training programs in Nebraska and has been the liaison to higher education . . . for as long as I can remember," Christensen said.

The keynote speaker for the dinner will be former UNO Chancellor and President of the University of Nebraska system Ronald Roskins. Over 300 people are expected to attend, Christensen said.

A silent auction will follow the dinner. Proceeds will go to the Dean's Excellence Fund, used for special programs like the Summer Speech Camp, technology labs, course and program development of distance education and faculty honors recognition, and the Student Centered Fund — used for projects like internships, scholarships and student research.

Over 80 items are to be auctioned. They include many items donated by the UNO Athletic Department such as tickets to various sporting events, clothing and an autographed hockey stick. Local businesses also donated an assortment of free dinners and free night's stay at area hotels. A week in Colorado is a major item on the list. Another hot selection will be Chancellor Nancy Belck's donation of dinner for six with her, Christensen said.

For more information on education's "Teaming for Excellence" celebration call 402-554-3530 or visit the Web site at [www.unocoe.unomaha.edu](http://www.unocoe.unomaha.edu).

## College Emerges from Humble Beginnings

DANA NELSEN

Staff Writer

In the last 50 years the College of Education has gone through a major metamorphosis. Before 1950 it was not a separate college, merely a department of the College of Arts and Sciences, but 1950 brought the peak of the baby boom and the need for educators rose sharply. The university responded with a new college.

The college has grown from the few small offices in arts and sciences to two of its own buildings on campus. The original staff of six full-time faculty members has multiplied 11 times over the last 50 years to the current 66-person total. Seven deans have followed founding Dean Frank H. Gorman, who served for 17 years.

The curriculum has changed, too. Originally the college was composed of three separate departments: the department of teacher education, the department of physical education for men and the department of physical education for women.

Education no longer exclusively focuses on teacher education, but now includes areas of counseling, administration, health and fitness and recreation programs. About 2,200 students are enrolled in the undergraduate, graduate and doctorate programs with over 16,000 alumni, Dean John Christensen said. A few of the college's more notable alumni are John Machiel, the superintendent of Omaha Public Schools, Ken Bird, the superintendent of Westside Community Schools, and University of Nebraska Regent Nancy O'Brien.

"More than 40 percent of the teachers, administrators and counselors are UNO graduates in the Omaha metro area, and that's a lot because that is where Nebraska's population is," Christensen said.

Christensen said one of the greatest challenges for the college over the last 50 years has been the constant changes it has had to make to stay contemporary.

"Classrooms in 1950 were very different from those in the year 2000. The application of technology — we have gone from chalkboard to laptop computer," he said.

But Christensen is focused on more than just harnessing new technology.

"The metro-areas are going to be enormous growth centers and as a result we will see continued growth in the College of Education," Christensen said. "Predictions of teacher shortages and what the college is doing about it will be a measure of our success."

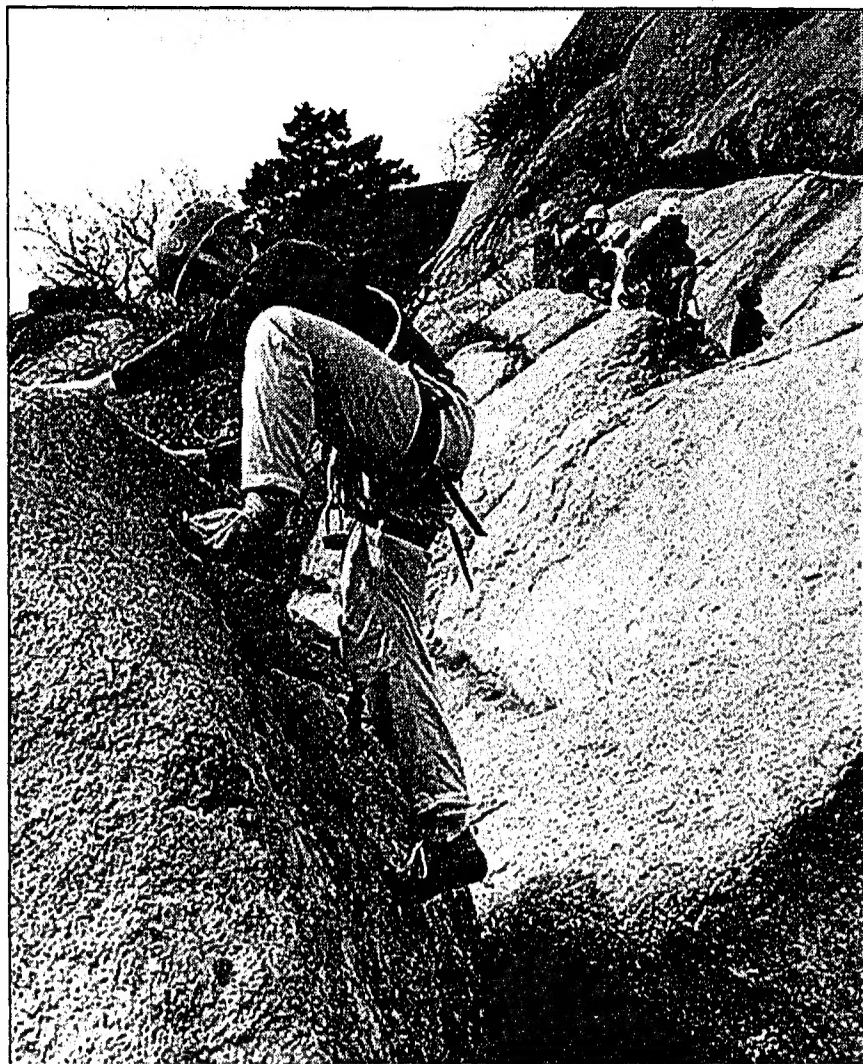
Right: John Christensen, dean of the College of Education, watches as senior Netta Bowden works on her science demonstration lesson plan in the US West Data Microcomputer Laboratory in the College of Education.

Dana Nelson





## Spring Break Backpacking Trips Filling Fast



Above: Outdoor Venture Center volunteer leader Mark Henninger climbs a boulder at the base of Mt. Scott in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. The OVC is planning another backpacking trip to the refuge over spring break.

**DENNIS KERR**

Staff Writer

Space is filling up fast for the Outdoor Venture Center's spring break trips to the Appalachian Trail and Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. The trip to the Appalachian Trail is booked up, but there is still some space left on the trip to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma.

Both trips are March 11 - 19. Transportation will be provided by university van and trailers.

Each trip offers unusual scenery, hiking, friendly local people and the opportunity for rock climbing for both beginners and more advanced climbers.

Allison Ramsey, assistant leader for the trip to the Wichita Mountains, said, "There is something for every level of rock climber; no experience is needed. We will teach you if you have no experience and by the end of the week you will feel like an expert and doing more difficult climbs."

She also said, "These are beautiful high plains desert mountains."

The rock climbers will stay in a campground with showers near the town of Meers, Okla.

"Every year we drop in to Meers, which is just a post office and restaurant, and eat the great apple cobbler and a hot meal," Ramsey said. "Last year a funny thing happened — we were exploring a new area of the refuge and were very excited about it. So when our leader said, 'OK, take out your ropes,' it turns out that nobody brought their ropes because everyone thought that everyone else had brought their ropes along. But we had a good time anyway just hiking that day."

For Bruce Saxman, a graduate assistant and team leader, the backpacking trip to the Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area on the Appalachian Trail is a homecoming for him because he is from Virginia. He said it is a beautiful area in an unusual way because of the local wildlife and flowers.

Along this 50-mile section of the Appalachian trail there are three-sided trail shelters. "One morning I woke up and found a horse sticking his head in the opening of the shelter. He was trying to steal our food," Saxman said. Food on this backpacking trip included pasta, sauce, canned meat and powerbars.

For more information about the trips, call the Outdoor Venture Center at 554-2258.

## Village Senator Former Violinist, Considered M.I.T.

**RYAN NORRIS**

Staff Writer

Ken Ross, the University Village senator for Student Senate, considered attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before deciding to attend college at UNO.

"I really wanted to go to M.I.T. I looked into that and had an offer, but UNO offered me more," Ross said.

Ross had a 4.21 grade point average when he attended Bryan, but his standardized test scores were not that high.

"I felt as though a standardized test is kind of biased because you are taking a test in the morning and not too many people are good in the morning," Ross said. "I feel as though the questions are worded a little weird for me and I can't understand it without asking questions. I feel asking questions should be part of the test," Ross said.

Ross, a freshman who resides in University Village, was elected to the position of University Village senator this semester.

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"(I plan to address) the general concerns and complaints of the students, and I really want to develop University Village because it's brand new to the college and if it's not set off on the right foot then it won't be successful," Ross said. "I want to make it more of a presence at the university, to make it so people are unafraid to go up to University Village and meet new people even if they don't live there."

Ross also works with the Residence Hall Council. They program events at University Village and try to make living at the village a good experience.

"The Student Government established (University Village) last year, and I want to make sure their established decision is a good decision," Ross said.

Ross is a Goodrich scholar and he is involved with Phi Delta Theta, a Christian fraternity.

"I am about making sure that all of the see VILLAGE SENATOR, page 14

## Thank You

To the Chancellor, to so many of the deans and directors, faculty, staff and students, to the various departments and programs, the alumni and Faculty Woman's Association, PKCC and it's staff, the Student Center and Food Services.

We, the Martin Family, are extremely grateful for all the flowers, plants, cards, letters, phone calls, visits and prayers that were sent, shared and given during the loss of Helen R. Martin, mother, daughter, and sister. It seems that words of gratitude only half express our true appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

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**A Column**  
by  
**Erin Joy**

## We Want Our Powerball

You might as well pack up and move to Council Bluffs.

Why? Because they have the casinos. Omaha had the chance to keep gambling money in our state, but the state decided against letting the casinos operate here. Now Iowa gets all the profit from the Nebraskan money spent there.

Why move to Iowa? Because they are getting a new arena. Omaha is still debating building an arena, but they aren't wasting any time at Bluffs Run Casino. They will be building their own arena while we cast our ballots, and they hope Omaha will vote the arena proposal down so more of Nebraska's dollars are spent across the river. You know, at the big shows we don't get here — the shows we drive to Ames or Kansas City to see.

Why hop over the Missouri River? Because Iowa has a state lottery. Wait ... we have a state lottery, don't we? That is one part of Nebraska's money that does not go to Iowa anymore. It stays right here in our state.

That may soon be changed.

Senators heard testimony last month in the Unicameral on LB 905 — a bill that would eliminate the Nebraska State Lottery. The bill was introduced by none other than Omaha's own Sen. Ernie Chambers. Although Nebraskans voted for the lottery, Chambers said the legislators should not have allowed it to be created, according to the report in the Feb. 18 edition of the *Unicameral Update*.

In other words, the citizens of this state are too stupid to make their own decisions.

Let's eliminate the Nebraska lottery, which is a major source of educational and environmental funding for our state, so Nebraskans have another reason to cross the river and spend money in Iowa. That way Iowa gets more funding for its educational and environmental projects from people who don't even live in the state.

Good idea.

Supporters of the bill call gambling a legal way to take advantage of vulnerable citizens. Those same vulnerable citizens will take the short drive over to Iowa once a week to purchase lottery tickets there if the Nebraska lottery is taken away.

Some people take gambling too far. Most do not, they realize their chances are just that: chances. Should we eliminate the entire system for the people who use it for fun just because a few people gamble their houses away? That is not the answer. The people who have major compulsive gambling problems don't sink all their money into the Nebraska lotto — they go over to the Council Bluffs casinos for the real money.

While we're at it, why don't we eliminate liquor licenses because some people become alcoholics? Or why don't we just let Iowa quietly drive us into the ground?

Although no immediate action was taken on the bill, the hearing probably reinforced the beliefs of those who think we should get rid of the lottery. It's up to us to let our legislators know that they don't have to be our morality police. When we voted for the lottery, we made a decision that has benefited our state enormously. We shouldn't let our legislators second-guess that decision in the name of social justice.

Social justice has been partially provided by lottery proceeds in our school districts to better education. It has been provided to our state's environmental concerns. The passing of this bill will reverse all that, and further strengthen Iowa's bulging pockets.

I hope our legislators have the foresight to stop this attack on the Nebraska lottery.

I think I'll pack a bag just in case they don't.

## Don't Let Him Flee

**LINDA SEDJRO**

Staff Writer

Why do people flee from a car accident scene? Is it because they don't have insurance? Maybe they believe it's not their fault or the accident isn't that bad. Maybe they think, "I can just get away with it."

If you ever get into an accident, make sure you know what you need to do. If there are other parties involved, don't let them flee from you.

Such an incident happened to me on a Wednesday afternoon. While driving across the street from the Peter Kewit Institute, I was hit by a pickup truck. I was behind a UNO shuttle bus trying to make room so it could turn right.

When I started driving, I suddenly heard some one's car running into me. I saw one of my side-view mirrors breaking off as the truck hit the front of my car again.

I stopped in the middle of the road and didn't know what to do. I kept saying to myself: "What happened? How did this happen? Where am I?"

All sorts of things were going through my mind at the same time.

I looked behind my shoulder and there was a guy waiting for me to drive. I saw the truck that hit me slow down for a while, and then it drove past me. I followed him to the PKI parking lot, where he parked his car.

He got out of his truck while I was still in my car. He was an old guy with an old gold truck. He came to me and said, "Are you OK?"

"I'm fine, but what happened?" I asked.

He had a terrible look on his face and his voice was trembling as he was talking to me.

"I was trying to go and I saw you in my lane," he said.

I explained to him that I was not even driving, but just waiting for the bus to make a turn.

I then asked him where we should go to find the police.

"I don't know," he said.

I pointed to the PKI building, telling him that there may be a security guy there.

The man turned around and began walking towards his truck. I was just looking at my car, shaking my head with disbelief — it was like I was in a bad dream. I didn't even hear the guy turning on his car and leaving.

I awakened from my nightmare, got in my car, and drove to the PKI building to look for the guy. By the time I reached the building, I realized what I just did. I let this guy take "la

poudre d'escampette" — I drove back from where we were and I saw two students in the parking lot; they had seen what happened. The girl turned and said to me, "Never do that again. You're supposed to stay there with the guy. He drove off."

"Did you see him," I asked her.

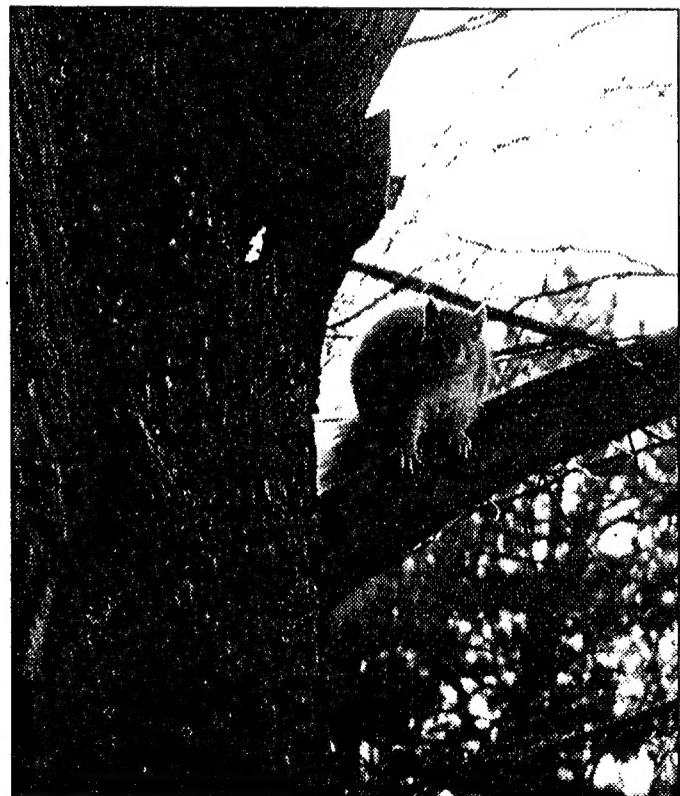
"Yes, but he drove off. He went to the Peter Kewit building direction, then got back on the road, and drove off. You're supposed to get his license plate number down," she said.

I asked them if they had seen his license plate numbers, but she hadn't. I felt strange. I felt that they were hiding something from me.

Later she pointed out the Aksarben road the guy took. I drove to that direction and didn't find anyone.

I came back to the same place and found a police car, so I stopped and explained the entire incident to the police women. She made a report and handed me some sheets, which I would have to fill out and mail to Lincoln.

## 'That Groundhog Was Wrong ... Spring Has Sprung'



### Letters To The Editor

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# University Village Gates Near Completion



The much disputed gates surrounding University Village near completion. Construction signs can still be seen in the area.

**MARILYN KOLAR**

Staff Writer

When residents moved into the University Village in the fall of 1999, they were still moving into an active construction zone. While most of the work was done, many students were delayed moving in until weeks after school started. Although the sounds of construction have died down since August, many projects are still left to be completed around the village.

One of the main concerns for Maintenance Supervisor Larry Woodson is

the completion of the security fence lining the perimeter of the UV resident halls.

The gate system is set up with four walk-in gates and two drive-in gates. At two entrances there are call boxes where a guest may find a code to ring into a resident's phone line. The friend or guest of the resident talk to each other verifying who is being let in and the resident then can punch in a code from their phone to let in their guest from their dorm room.

Residents that are coming and going will be provided with an access card. These

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## BUDGET DEBATE

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requesting an amount of the \$8 per-credit-hour student activity fee.

Those three programs have their budgets reviewed every other year, and this year is a non-review year for SPO.

"We couldn't, if we wanted to, go in and request that money that was cut by the AMS budget, nor do we even really want that money, primarily because SPO does not want to take on the responsibility of being the primary programmer for multicultural issues on campus," Thompson said.

He said other areas are "better equipped to handle that type of programming, being AMS (and) the multicultural programming officer in the SOLD office, Herschel Jackson."

Part of the debate centers around the quality and frequency of SPO's multicultural programming.

"The only time SPO does anything for multicultural students is February when they want to do something for Black History Month, then Latino-American Month, Native American Month," said Corey Potter, vice president of the African American Organization.

The SPO Diversity Committee exists to program events for all underrepresented groups on campus. This includes not only

racial diversity, but also diversity based on sexual orientation, disabilities, religion and gender.

For that, the committee has a budget of slightly more than \$8,000. Speakers cost over \$2000, so it is difficult for the Diversity Committee to put on multiple events for one group, Denker said.

"What we've tried to do as an organization is to do one event of each," Denker said. So far this year, the Diversity Committee has sponsored programs dealing with sexual, religious, gender and cultural diversity. A disability-awareness event is planned for later this year.

"You can do a lot, if you are creative, with \$8,000, or whatever any organization may have," Thompson said.

"There are a lot of different avenues," said DeAnn Hanisch, chief administrative officer of Student Government. "You can only do a few big things with that money, but you can do a lot of little things."

The AMS budget was presented Thursday evening. Results of that meeting were not available at the time of this report.

A final vote on the budget by the Student Activities Budget Committee will come next Thursday.

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# Marijuana: The Debate Re-Hashed

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Staff Writer

Pot, weed, mary jane, grass, reefer — no matter what you call it, possession and use of marijuana is illegal in Nebraska.

The penalty for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, first offense, is a \$100 fine and mandatory attendance of a drug education course.

Marijuana first earned its reputation as an intoxicant in the 1920s and 1930s, when tabloids published sensational accounts of crimes allegedly committed by intoxicated immigrants.

The euphoric high that marijuana smokers feel is a result of the main psychoactive ingredient — delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC. However, there are several other chemicals present, and suppliers and dealers sometimes lace the plant with a second illegal substance, like PCP.

"The worst that happens to you is when you don't know

what you're getting," UNO student Michael Lotspeich said. "That's where the harm comes from, when it's laced with something."

An unpredictable product results from lack of regulation, Lotspeich said.

"It should be legal and regulated," said fellow student Zach Devine, who believes an age limit should be imposed. "Legalize it and tax it. It should be sold as cigarettes," Devine said.

The drug has been illegal throughout the United States since the Marijuana Tax Act was passed in 1937. And many believe it should remain illegal.

"It's a drug, and it's harmful to humans," junior Koby Matsuura said. "Breathing anything besides air is bad for your body."

Matsuura said he is especially concerned about the effects on children.

"We have a responsibility to provide moral guidelines," said student Megan Mincher. "What kind of message are you sending? If young people think it's okay, who's going to

be responsible for their failure?" she said.

"I fell very strongly about it," Mincher said, "I've seen it ruin a lot of my friends' lives."

The recent debate on the cannabinoid substance has revolved around medicine and the economics of prohibition.

But a national discussion on marijuana was spurred by legislative acts in California and Oregon four years ago, and the governor of New Mexico has added fuel to the fire.

After Proposition 215 made medical marijuana legal in California in 1996, and Arizona passed a similar law, drug czar Barry McCaffrey ordered a study of marijuana's medical potential by the Institute of Medicine.

The government-funded report said smoked marijuana is potentially effective in the treatment of glaucoma, asthma, nausea from chemotherapy treatment, and lack of appetite in AIDS patients.

While a physician may advise a patient to use marijuana for therapeutic purposes, federal law prohibits doctors from prescribing marijuana. Instead, the state board of health may distribute medical marijuana provided by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

"I strongly agree with medical use," Matsuura said. "Morphine treatment allows a rheumatoid grandparent to live a fairly normal life."

Gary Johnson, the Republican governor of New Mexico, recently heated the debate over marijuana by proposing that the drug be legalized.

Johnson, a tri-athlete and former marijuana smoker, said that the war on drugs (to the tune of \$7.5 billion per year) has been a failure.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration acknowledges that, in conjunction with a 60 percent increase in marijuana arrests since President Clinton took office, marijuana remains the most prevalent illegal drug in the country and its use is increasing.

U.S. authorities seized a record 593 metric tons of marijuana along the Southwest border in 1997. This nearly doubled the amount seized in 1995.

"I think it's one of those things where the government gets too involved," student Brenda Smith said. She believes the appeal of marijuana lies in its illegality.

"There might be a slight increase in the beginning," Smith said, if marijuana were legalized. "But the novelty would wear off."

"Just because it's legal doesn't mean people will abuse it," student Joseph Rewolinski said. "Only five percent of the Dutch use marijuana."

Rewolinski studied in the Netherlands, where coffee houses sell cannabis in a area separate from the drink bar. Possessing small amounts of marijuana has been legal in the Netherlands for 10 years.

"By legalizing soft drugs, they more or less condemn hard drugs," Rewolinski said.

If marijuana were legalized, Rewolinski said, sellers should be required to have a license. And the product should be on display, like in Amsterdam, and taxed.

Rewolinski said marijuana is actually no more harmful than alcohol, a comment echoed by other students.

"The difference," Rewolinski said, "is the person who abuses alcohol gets to keep his job at the end of the day."

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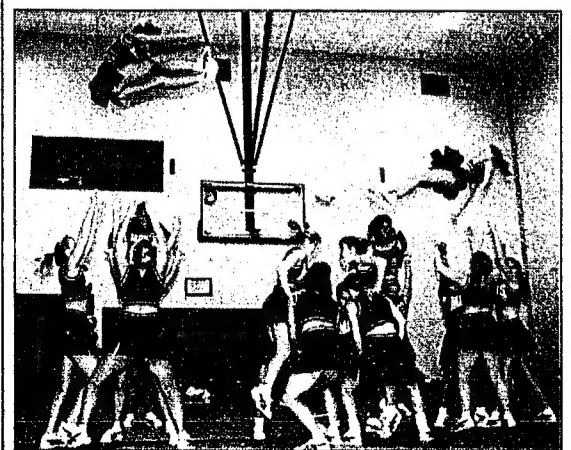
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## Three Cheers



Cheerleaders practice Feb. 24 to prepare for a national competition held last weekend. The cheerleading team came in second in their division, said Joyce Schaefferthe, cheerleading adviser.



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# UNO Hockey Plays and Waits



Chris Machian

UNO's Ryan Bencurik dislodges the net in recent hockey action. The Mavs are home for the final time this season, hosting No. 13 Niagara. Coach Kemp's team has already secured a playoff berth, but must wait until this weekend to find out where they will play.

## BRIAN BRASHAW

Staff Writer

The jockeying for playoff position in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association has been going on for the past month now. This week marks the final turn and the teams are coming down the home stretch.

UNO is neck and neck with sixth place Ferris State, but the Mavericks are at a standstill. While UNO plays a non-conference Thursday-Friday series with No. 13 Niagara, other CCHA teams get to make a move on the Mavs. Ferris

State plays Western Michigan this weekend for their final conference weekend, but no matter what happens with that series, Ferris will finish above UNO, knocking them to seventh.

The two teams that could catch the Mavericks coming into the week are Miami and Bowling Green.

Miami just dropped a game to Ohio State on Tuesday, so that eliminates them from overtaking UNO. Sweep, split, tie, whatever happens with UNO this weekend is purely for playoff momentum. So while the Mavericks play, they also wait. They wait for the Bowling

Green-Michigan match-up to decide who UNO will play in the first round of the playoffs.

A Bowling Green sweep or win/tie over Michigan will send the Mavs to Northern Michigan where the Mavericks lost to and tied the

Wildcats already this year. A split or a Michigan sweep or win/tie will send UNO to Lake Superior State, with whom the

Mavs split a home series.

Either way, come Mar. 10, the UNO Mavericks will be skating in their first ever playoff game, somewhere in Michigan.

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## Men's Basketball Wraps Season

### BRIAN BRASHAW

Staff Writer

With a winning record already secure, the Maverick men's basketball team (16-11 overall, 8-8 conference) is looking to seal up a winning mark in the North Central Conference. UNO will be playing its last regular season games on the road against NCC foes North Dakota and North Dakota State.

After a win over Northern Colorado last weekend, the Mavs come into the homestretch of the season having evened their NCC record and finding themselves in a tie for fifth in the conference.

North Dakota, currently second in the NCC (21-6 overall, 10-6 NCC), is home to host the Mavericks after a weekend split. The UND Fighting Sioux defeated Augustana 98-89 in a shoot-out with the Vikings, then split the weekend taking a 92-77 hit from the conference leader South Dakota State.

North Dakota came to the Sapp Fieldhouse on Jan. 3, and was handed a 60-55 loss by UNO. North Dakota is led by senior forward Chad Mustard, who averages 15.6 points and 7.5 rebounds per contest.

North Dakota State will also host UNO on Saturday night. NDSU is tied with UNO in the conference at 8-8, however at 15-10 overall, UNO has a won more games.

UNO was beaten by the North Dakota State Bison on Jan. 2 at the Fieldhouse 66-62. Gary Hall, the Bison's leading offensive weapon, averages 14.4 points a game. Their board man, Jeromy Thompson collects 5.7 rebounds a game.

UNO closes the regular season in enemy territory and hopes to make a case for a regional bid. To aid them is leading scorer Mike Simons, who puts up 16.4 points per 40 minutes, and Bob Wettstein, who hauls down 6.4 errant shots a game.

Chris Machian

Left: Seniors Mike Foltynski (55) and Bob Wettstein (40) will be playing their final regular season games for UNO this weekend.





## Mavs Compete in Final Games of Season

**AMY M. MUHLBAUER**

Staff Writer

Paula Buscher and the UNO women's basketball team head north to play in their final two games of the season. The Mavericks compete against two highly competitive, ranked opponents. Friday at 5 p.m. UNO play the University of North Dakota. Saturday's game against North Dakota State will be held at the Bison Sports Arena. Tip-off for this match-up is 6 p.m.

UND comes into the contest with hopes of yet another chance at the big prize. The Sioux are the three-time defending national champions. UND has won its last six games to give the team a 13-3 mark in the North Central Conference, and a second-place ranking in the North Central Region standings.

UND is led by junior forward Tracy LeCuyer, who averages 16.2 ppg and 7.3 rpg. Also helping the Sioux are seniors Katie Richards and Jamie Pudenz, both averaging

double figures for the year.

Saturday evening the road gets even tougher as UNO makes the journey to Fargo, N.D. to battle the Bisons. NDSU reigns in the NCC standings. They have won 12 out of the last 13 conference games, giving the Bisons a remarkable 14-2 conference record.

Jayne Even, a senior forward, carries the Bison averaging 20.4 ppg and 9.1 rpg. Two underclassmen, Amanda Gebke and Jayne Boeddeker, average 12.5 ppg and 10.1 ppg respectively.

The Mavericks come into the weekend match-ups with a 7-9 NCC mark, a record which places them tenth in the region. Only the top six teams earn a spot in the NCAA postseason tournament.

UNO is led by three seniors. Darcy Stracke (22.7 ppg) paces the Mavs' scoring attack. Senior Sarah Larson demonstrates her power, averaging 8.9 rebounds per contents. Kim Birkel adds her defensive intensity and 6.7 ppg to assist the Mavs.

## Lady Mavs Headed to Boston for Championships

**KATIE RATCLIFF**

Senior Staff Writer

Although the women's track and field team has the weekend off from competition, there are five athletes who are now qualified for the 2000 NCAA Division II National Indoor Meet.

The final list will be released on Monday.

Until then, Carly Lambert, Natalie Malone, Jonisa McGlown, Cathy Craig and Rochelle Gordon are practicing so they can perform their best at the nationals.

Lambert qualified in the 55-meter dash

with the time of 7.16 and Malone finished the mile run in 5:03.10 to hopefully earn her spot at the big meet. McGlown, Gordon and Craig all earned their spots by excelling in field events.

McGlown leaped 18-5 in the long jump. Gordon earned her spot by marking 39-1 1/4 in the sand during the triple jump and Craig also qualified in the triple jump with a 30-1 1/4 mark.

UNO's track and field team finished in the Top 25 in last year's national meet.

The women will travel to the championships in Boston on Mar. 10.

## Mav Hardballers Busy This Week



UNO opened the 2000 season with a 17-2 win over Dana College. The Mavs are on the road to Denver for five games this week. SH Steve Houlton

**DAVID M. JOHNSON**

Sports Editor

Coach Bob Herold and the UNO baseball team are on the road for five games at three venues this week.

First up is a single, 9-inning affair at Regis College in Denver, Colo., on Thursday. Regis is 3-10 on the season. This will be the second game for 1-0 UNO.

The Mavs will then play a pair of 7-inning double headers Friday and

Saturday, both days against Metro State, also in Denver. Metro has a 7-3 marks so far in 2000.

UNO is coming off a 17-2 lambasting of Dana College last Sunday at Millard West High School. The team hammered 15 hits in the game, while allowing the Viking batters just six singles.

Kyle Funk (1-0) was credited with the win.

UNO's next home game will be March 8 when Northwest Missouri State comes to town. First pitch is set for 1 p.m.

## UNO Softball Headed for Pittsburg State Invite

**DAVID M. JOHNSON**

Sports Editor

Head Coach Jeanne Tostenson takes her UNO Maverick softball team south to Pittsburg State University in Kansas to play a weekend invitational. The Mavs will field a team against Southwest Baptist and Pittsburg State on Friday, then play Saturday's opponents based upon single elimination format.

Other schools invited include St. Cloud State, Missouri Western, Wayne State, and Oklahoma.

UNO (11-1) will face SW Baptist at noon on Friday. Baptist is 4-7 on the young season, but have only given up four more runs than they have scored. Their last three losses have been by tallies of 3-1, 3-2, and 4-3.

At 2 p.m. the Mavs battle Pittsburg State. The Gorillas played at the Central Arkansas Tournament last weekend, and scores from those games have not been posted.

PSU was 25-28 in 1999.

Saturday's matchups will be announced following Friday's action.

There is a chance UNO could face St. Cloud State on Saturday in a preview of hot NCC action.

The Huskies boast one of the nation's premiere pitchers, Karissa Hoehn. Hoehn holds 15 pitching records at SCSU. Last year, she was 36-9 with a 0.84 earned run average and 405 strikeouts. The senior is No. 3 on the NCAA Division II

career strikeout list with 934 K's. SCSU is 86-28 in the last two seasons.

UNO, of course, counters with junior Michelle Manthei who is 7-0 already this year. As a sophomore, Manthei posted a 23-9 mark with a 1.54 ERA and 10 shutouts.

The Mavs will be without standout short-stop Valencia Moody who was dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons.

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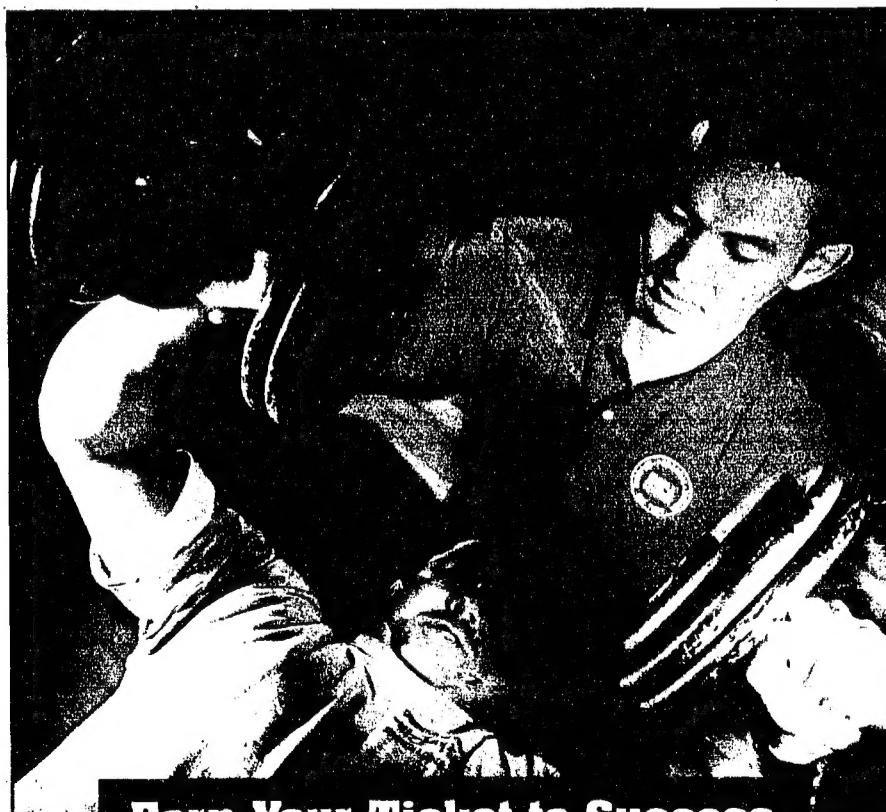
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# UNO's 'Charlie's Wake' Helped and Staged By Two Real Pros

JENNY POOL

Staff Writer

For some reason there seems to be a stigma that being from Nebraska is a handicap to those who would like to have a career performing arts.

People seem to somehow forget names like Fred Estaire, Marlon Brando, Henry Fonda and Nick Nolte. In case that's not enough for some, here are two more examples of people from Nebraska who went to California and have been working in theater, TV and film since arriving: Dick Christie and John Dennis Johnston.

Christie and Johnston, both Nebraska natives, are at UNO for the dramatic arts department next production, "Charlie's Wake."

"Charlie's Wake" was written and directed by Christie, and the title character is played by Johnston.

During his senior year at Omaha North High School, Christie was bitten by an acting bug that bug brought him to UNO. While at UNO, Christie studied acting and more importantly gained experience in the theater department at UNO.

"The theater department at UNO isn't so big, so you can get a wealth of acting experience. That gave me a great base for my acting," Christie said.

Once Christie made his way to Hollywood, he found himself in the acting scene. He received guest roles on several different television shows such as "MASH" and "Three's Company."

These roles led to recurring roles on shows like "Knots Landing" and "Who's the Boss."

One day he got a call from Fox offering him a lead in their first series called "Small Wonder," he took the role and the show went on to run five years.

Christie decided to bring "Charlie's Wake" to UNO as a way of saying thank you to the university for the training he received here. Christie also wanted to talk to students about working in



Actors in 'Wake' from left to right: Kristine Thomas, Mark Lanham, Aaron Zavitz and John Dennis Johnston perform a scene from the play.

Hollywood.

"If actors get a break, and they don't have any training to back it up with, then they will fall just like that. Hollywood will chew you up and spit you out. It doesn't care," Christie said. "So being well-trained and having a wealth of experience, there is no substitute for it because once a break comes you better be prepared."

While both had similar outcomes, Johnston's road to California was quite different than Christie's.

Johnston was an athlete in high school and planned to play either football or basketball at the college level. All did not work out the way

Johnston had planned due to an injury. Johnston began to work at the Talk of The Town Dinner Theatre with another up-and-coming Nebraskan, Chip Davis, as the musical director.

As was the case with Christie, Johnston found his Nebraska upbringing helpful in finding work in Hollywood.

"I had no expectations, I came with an enthusiasm, you know Hollywood's pretty jaded, and I really wanted to do it. I thought it was fun. It didn't occur to me that it couldn't be done. Growing up here I had a real optimism about life I think it translated well for me. Since I was never really

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## Flame On

BRANDON PAPPAS

Arts & Leisure Editor

When a band has been around for over 12 years and only produces one hit song, it's labeled a one-hit wonder. But for the Flaming Lips, it's the exact opposite.

In the early '90s, the group released the song "She Don't Use Jelly." The catchy, low-fi-sounding guitar chorus, mixed with the raspy vocals of frontman Wayne Coyne was the staple that helped make alternative music mainstream.

The band's unique and powerful musical talent would not prove radio friendly. The band does not write songs for radio, nor do they play what they think people want to hear. The Flaming Lips play what they want and produce music that they want to hear.

In 1999, The Flaming Lips released an album that wasn't played on the radio a lot, but one that took the whole recording industry by surprise. "The Soft Bulletin" (Warner Brothers) was ranked by critics' accounts as the best album of 1999.

It was ranked on "top 10 of 1999" lists from VH1, to

Entertainment Weekly, to bands such as the Stone Temple Pilots.

The success and feel of the album took years of work and lots of producing by all band members.

"We've always tried to make records like this. We could never actually realize our grasp. This time, for some reason, I think we actually exceed our grasp," said Flaming Lips musician Michael Ivins.

"Sometimes we will listen to it and think 'where did this come from,' it's better than we are in some ways."

Ivins, who was born in Omaha, said he sees why people are reacting positively to "The Soft Bulletin."

"In one-line or one-chord sequence, we feel that it is immediately apparent of what we are trying to say," Ivins said.

Ivins credited the band's feel to their attention to sonics. The complex album is not one Ivins felt should just be picked up and instantly liked, it challenges the listener.

The Flaming Lips' live show has also been ranked as one of the best shows in



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# Powerman 5000 Keeps It Unreal

RAE LICARI

Senior Staff Writer

Reality is optional for the members of Powerman 5000. "Non-reality is my reality," frontman Spider One said. "Today, everybody's trying so hard to 'keep it real.' That puts me to sleep. I say, 'Let's keep it unreal.'"

The Boston-based rock band, composed of Spider, guitarists Adam12 and M.33, bassist Dorian 27, and drummer Al 3, has come a long way in the music industry since their underground beginnings, which included an appearance on "Beverly Hills 90210."

"That was just a weird fluke. That was before we even had a record deal, when we were this little indie band in

Boston and the people that ran our label had a connection with Jason Priestley," Spider said. "He was always a fan of the band and he said 'Hey, why don't you guys come down and be on the show?' It was the middle of winter, and we had nothing else to do. We all sat around and said 'This is probably the least cool thing we could ever do, the least street-cred thing we could ever do, but who cares?' We did it to

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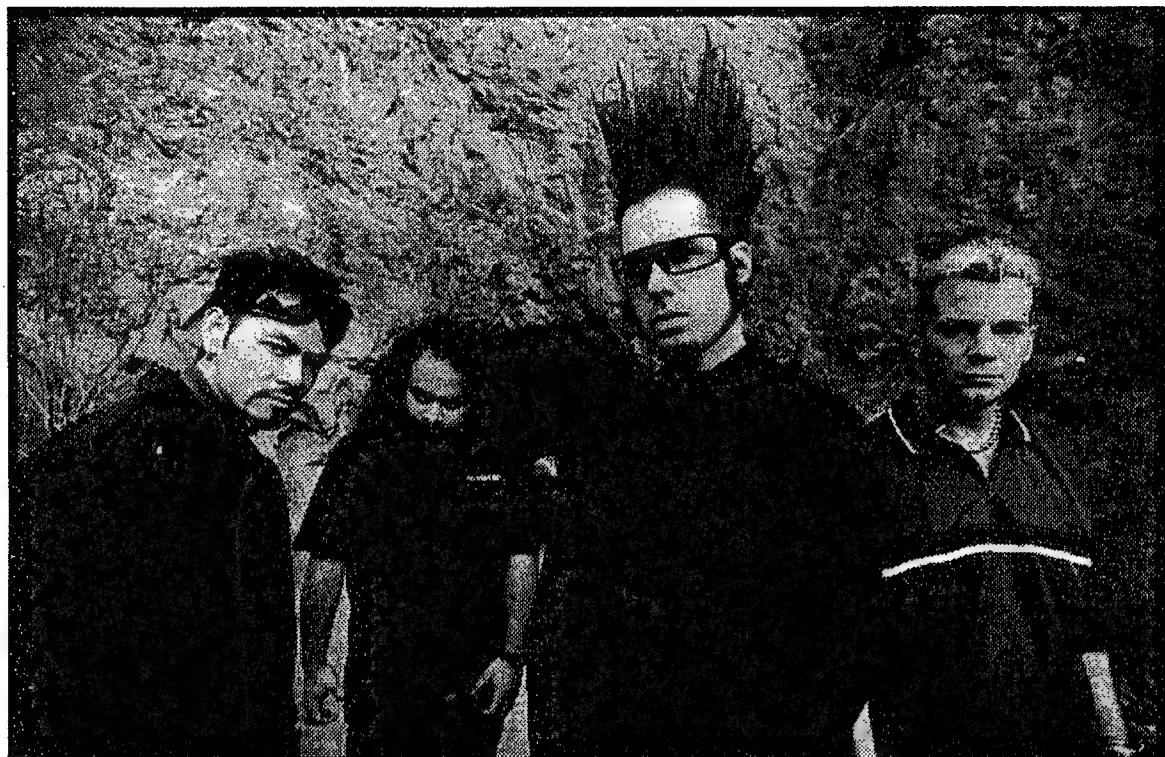
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# Static-X Brings 'Evil Disco' to Omaha



courtesy photo

## RAE LICARI

Senior Staff Writer

The metal/hardcore band Static-X's recent triumph in the music business has been a shock to everyone, including the band's members.

"I don't think any of us planned on it being as successful as it's been," said bassist Tony Campos.

Based out of Los Angeles, Calif., Static-X came together nearly six years ago. The band, composed of Campos, singer/guitarist Wayne Static, drummer Ken Jay, and guitarist/programmer Koichi Fukada, has been working its way up through the echelons of the music industry ever since.

"I'm the only one who actually grew up in L.A. Wayne and Ken had been playing in bands in Chicago for about six years, and when they moved out to L.A. in '95 I hooked up with Ken working at Ticketmaster. A couple years later Koichi joined us," Campos said.

Like many bands, Static-X was went through many changes. One thing the band was forced to go through was several name changes before settling on Static-X.

"We went through some names, and it seemed like every time we picked a name there would be another group who had that name, and they would already have a following. We ended up calling the band Static, and that stuck for awhile, until we got signed. We added the 'X' for legal reasons, but we've since grown to love and accept the 'X' as part of the band," Campos said.

Through constant touring and a dedicated fan follow-

ing, Static-X caught the attention of Warner Brothers Records, which signed the band and allowed it to record its first album, "Wisconsin Death Trip."

Since the release of "Wisconsin Death Trip," Static-X has continued the tireless touring throughout the United States and Europe, bringing its unconventional musical sound to sold out venues. Constant touring and radio airplay has helped "Wisconsin Death Trip" become a certified gold record.

Campos described that sound as "evil disco; the evil part being the heavy guitars and aggressive, screaming vocals, and the disco part being the disco beats, the programming."

"It kind of shows the band's dark sense of humor," Campos said.

The "evil disco" sound is a product of the band's influences, which range from bands like Prong and Skinny Puppy to Prodigy and The Crystal Method, with Ministry being the biggest influence.

In addition to touring to promote the CD, Static-X has also contributed songs to the soundtracks to the "Scream 3" and "Crow 3" movies as well as a Black Sabbath tribute disc, and worked on a video for the next single, "I'm With Stupid."

"If there's just one message the band tries to convey, it's to have fun," Campos said. "Life can suck sometimes. We just try to go out there and show kids a good time."

Static-X will perform on Saturday with Powerman 5000 to a sold-out crowd in Omaha's Sokol Auditorium.

## POWERMAN 5000

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have fun."

Powerman 5000 had several releases during its indie days, including the full-length album "The Blood-Splat Rating System," which was eventually revamped and re-released in 1997 as the band's first album on the DreamWorks label, "Mega!! Kung Fu Radio."

"The first album didn't exactly take the world by storm," Spider said.

But later in 1998, the band went back to the studios to record a follow-up disc.

"There wasn't a lot of pressure. Our

only pressure was to make the best record we could make, and we took our time," Spider said.

Those efforts turned out the 1999 release "Tonight The Stars Revolt!", which soon gained interest at MTV and at radio stations around the country, spawning such singles as "When Worlds Collide" and the more recent hit "Nobody's Real."

"I never made any apologies for wanting to be in a big band. I want to push it even further," Spider said.

The band's plans for the future are to finish touring through the summer

and then to work on recording another album. And Spider doesn't rule out the possibility of touring someday with his brother, fellow rocker Rob Zombie.

"I think that would be cool. I have a feeling it will happen someday, if schedules permit," Spider said.

Powerman 5000 will stop in Omaha at Sokol Auditorium for a show on Saturday.

"I always encourage people who maybe don't go to see live shows very often to come check it out, because it's a whole different experience," Spider said.

## FLAMING LIPS

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music today. With the array of sounds on the band's records, their live show is when they like to display the energy that comes from its music, Ivins said.

The Oklahoma City band will bring its eclectic blend of sounds to Knickerbockers in Lincoln on March 9.



# HOROSCOPES

by Madame Zora

My readers,

I have not been with you for a while because I was attending a psychic workshop. I have gained a rush of knowledge and skills, but most importantly I have learned not to leave out some precious star signs as I might have done in the past.

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--M. Zora



## PISCES

(FEB. 19 - MAR. 20)

You've got a craving for a sugar surge. Pack your pockets with loose change and get ready to raid the soda machines. Fill up on sugar-shock Mountain Dew.

## ARIES

(MAR. 21 - APR. 19)

This week you will find yourself falling asleep in every class that you set foot into. At night you will find it impossible to sleep. Try walking backwards and talking sdawkcab.

## TAURUS

(APR. - MAY 20)

You've started noticing that people are slowly inching away from you whenever you go. Just to be sure, you begin taking showers three times a day and loading on the deodorant. Too bad that's not the solution.

## GEMINI

(MAY 21 - JUNE 21)

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(JUNE 22 - JULY 22)

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## LEO

(JULY 23 - AUG. 22)

Toothpaste is your obsession. You are out to educate people of the sham of toothpaste. Did you know that all non-ADA approved toothpastes have sugar in them!

## VIRGO

(AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22)

This week is National Aggression Week. However, since you are mild at nature, this week means nothing to you, and you don't know why it even exist — well bite me!

## LIBRA

(SEPT. 23 - OCT. 23)

Got milk? Milk? Got milk? What?

## SCORPIO

(OCT. 24 - NOV. 21)

This week you will sit down for a serious thought of why your sign is characterized as a scorpion. You're not an insect, you don't have stingers, you don't contain deadly venom, but maybe...yes...maybe...!

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(NOV. 22 - DEC. 21)

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## CHARLIE'S WAKE

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rich, I didn't think I needed anything more than what I had," Johnston said.

Christie had some words of advice for those students who might be running things

in the next 10 years.

"Right now, you don't have to know what you want to do. Don't be afraid to try, be fearless. If you have a passion, follow it and let it

lead you. It might not lead you where you think it will lead it you but it will lead you to a real nice place," Christie said.

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# Mezzacappa to Perform 'Community' with Local Dance Groups

from NEWS RELEASE

Dancer Carol Mezzacappa is visiting UNO March 1-5 as part of the University of Nebraska President's Fine Arts Artist/Scholar in Residence Program, a collaborative project involving the colleges of fine arts at the Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney campuses of the University of Nebraska. It is funded by a grant from the president of the University of Nebraska.

Mezzacappa is a founding director of the Brooklyn, New York-based Dance Consort: Mezzacappa-Gabrian and oversees educational programs for Young Dancers In Repertory.

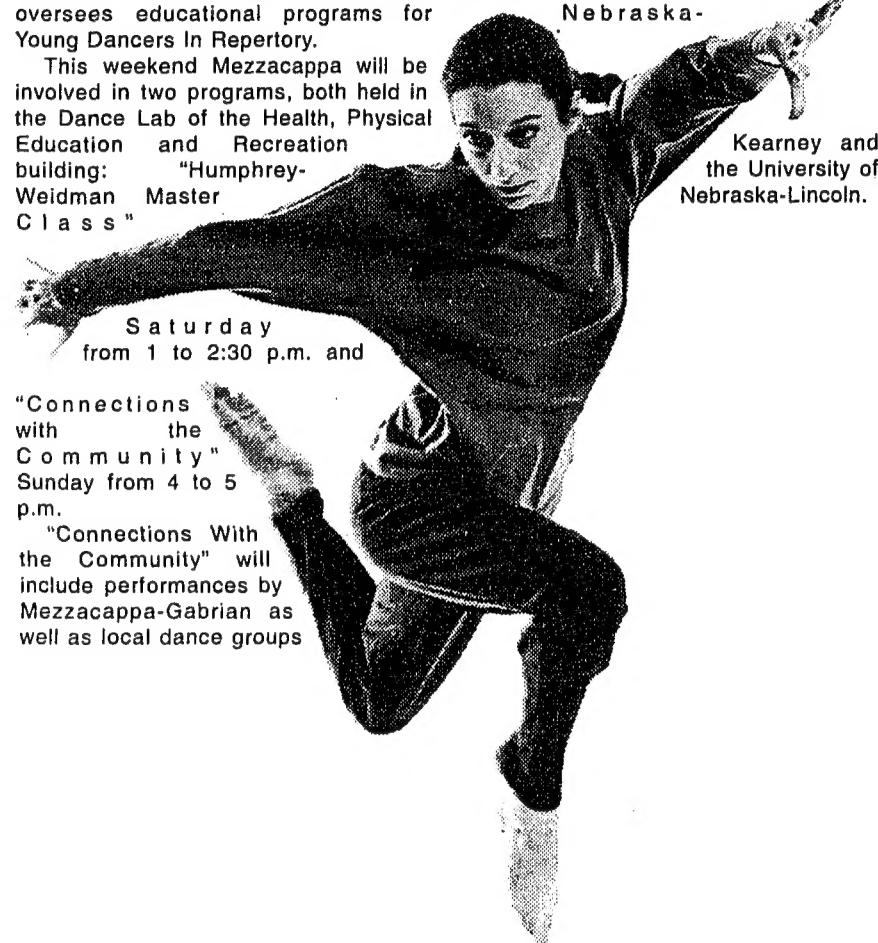
This weekend Mezzacappa will be involved in two programs, both held in the Dance Lab of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building: "Humphrey-Weidman Master Class"

Spirit in Movement, the Lotus Dancers, the Omaha International Folk Dancers, the El Museo Latino Chomari Dancers and the Millard West Winter Ensemble.

Her residency included three other events presented earlier in the week: "Integrating Dancing into the Schools: a New York City Model," "Performing and Pizza" and "Spotlight on Teenagers: Get Them Dancing."

After she leaves Omaha, Mezzacappa will be conducting residencies at the University of Nebraska-

Kearney and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Saturday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m.

"Connections with the Community" Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m.

"Connections With the Community" will include performances by Mezzacappa-Gabrian as well as local dance groups

## HOCKEY

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The Mavericks will be looking for playoff momentum against the No. 13 team in the land, the Niagara Purple Eagles. The Mavs are 2-4-1 in their last seven game including a loss-tie to last place Alaska-Fairbanks.

On a side bar, Kyle O'Keefe, the Mavericks senior center, who has been sidelined all season with a shoulder injury and is seeking a medical redshirt, has begun skating with the team and says the shoulder is almost healed.

## GATES

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gate cards can be used at all gate entrances.

"The gates are not designed as a security gate," Woodson said. Eliminating roaming, cruising, vandalism and unnecessary people is what Woodson and other members of the UV staff hope to do.

The gates do not guarantee parking for all UV residents, but will help keep non-residents out of the parking lot. The system will also monitor cards and gate usage. Monitoring will help find where maintenance may be needed.

"The fence borders our community and shows who we are," said Woodson.

Putting in the gate system has been a tough project.

"It's been a real pain," Woodson said. Accidents, vandalism and factory delays slowed the process of getting the system up and running for the 1999-2000 school year.

The Paric Corporation of St. Louis, is the main contractor for the UV gate system. With delays of vandalism, wind damage and other hassles, it has been hard to coordinate schedules with the contractor and other companies involved in assembling the system. According to Woodson the last few things could be done this week.

With only a couple months of school left, UV staff have yet to decide when to activate the gates and distribute access cards and codes to residents.

## Secondhand Smoke Workshop Comes to UNO Saturday

from NEWS RELEASE

Secondhand smoke will be the focus of a free workshop for child care professionals March 4 at the William H. Thompson Alumni Center from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Senator Nancy Thompson will discuss a bill pending discussion in the Nebraska Legislature regarding the prohibition of smoking in licensed, commercial child care facilities.

Kelly Gould, a health educator at UNO, will present "Caring For Our

Children: Reducing the Risks of Secondhand Smoke."

UNO, Family Service, Healthy Alternatives for Little Ones and Nebraska Health and Human Services System are co-sponsoring the workshop.

Participants will receive a certificate denoting 4 and a half hours of in-service training.

For more information on the workshop, call Gould at 554-3253.

## Influenza Not Loosening Grip on Nebraska

ZAHRA CHEEMA

Staff Writer

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, has not ended its reign in Nebraska yet. According to the American Lung Association of Nebraska, flu season lasts from November to March.

Though the flu might seem relatively harmless, there is always a risk that it can lead to a more threatening situation said Dr. Linda Ford, an asthma and allergy specialist, and a member of the American Lung Association of Nebraska board of directors and former president of the national American Lung Association.

"Influenza is a viral respiratory disease that can lead to many other life-threatening complications such as pneumonia," Ford said.

Flu symptoms such as fever, body aches and cough last between about four to 10 days, and occur rapidly.

According to the American Lung Association, though people with the flu feel sick all over, the virus is primarily in the lungs.

Some people are more apt than others to complications with the flu. People with lung disease, the elderly and young children are at the greatest risk for complications.

The American Lung Association says that influenza is generally passed through the air from one person to another. The first defense against this virus is the flu vaccine, but since the virus undergoes constant change, new vaccines are developed yearly.

The American Lung Association urges anyone who shows signs of the flu to contact their physician.

For more information about influenza, pneumonia, colds and flu shots, visit the lung association national Web site: [www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org).

## VILLAGE SENATOR

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organizations get along," Ross said. "I also want to further the Student Senate involvement. Not a lot of people want to vote when it comes to Student Government and it is very important to the university to have people vote because without proper representation you can't get things done around here."

Ross participated in school plays and football teams when he was in high school and continues to be involved at UNO.

Off-campus he is involved with the Dundee Presbyterian Church.

Ross also has musical interests. He has been playing the violin for eight years, and also has been playing with the Heartland Orchestra for about a year.

"I was at this thing, and they showed (the violin) to me, and it was something that I thought I would enjoy," Ross said. "I felt that it was a way that I could express myself without getting angry at someone," he said.

As a senator, Ross plays a role in certain issues that are currently being played out on the state-wide university level. Among those are the issues of whether or not fetal tissue research should continue and campus security.

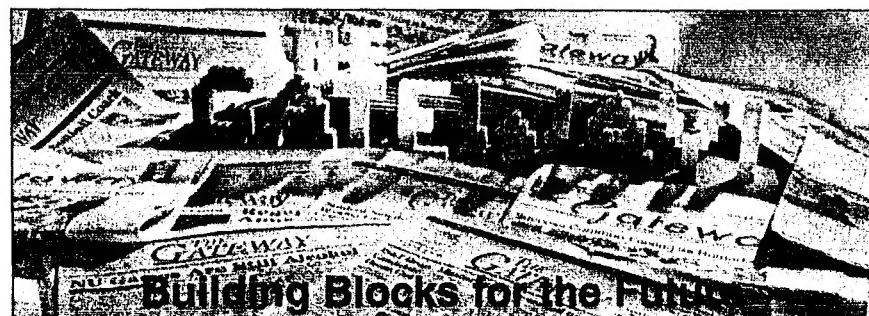
"I happened to abstain my vote (on the fetal tissue research issue) because I really didn't know what my view was when the vote came up, but I feel as though it is a thing that can help society," Ross said. "If UNMC wants to use the research properly and carefully, then I am all for it."

One of the issues on Student President/Regent Will Marunda's platform was campus security. Ross also has thoughts about security.

"Security needs to be increased because with the addition of University Village, you have more people here and with more people you need more security," Ross said. "That means proper lighting, that means faster reaction times to calls and things like that," he said.

Ross has plans for his life after college as well. He is a computer science major and will attempt to get employment with Microsoft this summer.

"I want to finish my degree of course, but just to look into those summer opportunities would be nice for me," Ross said. "I really feel that an education is important to me."





# PEANUT GALLERY

• CNN/NI Analyst and former Husker **Trev Alberta** will be speaking at the Boys Town Booster Banquet May 4. The banquet will begin at 7:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Convention Center on 72nd and Grover. For ticket information, call 498-1300.

• Props to UNO basketball standout **Kim Birkel** who was just named to the NCC All-Academic Team. Birkel, a three-time selection, has a 3.985 GPA in exercise science. Sarah Larson earned All-Academic Honorable Mention.

• All-NCC and all-Regional UNO shortstop **Valencia Moody** has been dismissed from the Maverick softball team for "disciplinary reasons." Moody was second on the team in batting (.393) and first on the team with two home runs.

• The UNO-Huskies baseball game scheduled for Feb. 29 was postponed due to rain. The two teams will meet again in Lincoln Mar. 7 at 2 p.m. ... weather permitting.

• Props to **Sparky Anderson** for his selection into Major League Baseball's Hall of Fame. No props to the veterans committee for failing to select **Bill Mazeroski** (fell one vote short). Mazeroski, of course was the Pittsburgh Pirates' second baseman who hit that shocking home run in Game 7 of the 1960 World



Series to beat the New York Yankees. A little trivia for you: Yankee shortstop **Tony Kubek** never saw that home run. He had been hit in the throat on a wicked ground ball hit by the previous batter and was in an ambulance on his way to the hospital when Maz came to the plate.

• Head Coach **Pat Behrens** has announced additions and changes to the UNO football coaching staff. Assistant coach **Lance Leibold** is the new offensive coordinator. Graduate assistant **Brad McCaslin** is the new defensive line coach. New to the staff is former Michigan Tech linebacker coach **Fred Reed**. Reed will take over as defensive secondary coach.

• I see where the Atlanta Braves went ahead and signed **John Rocker** to a \$350,000 one-year deal. How can someone that stupid make that kind of money?

• Props to UNO soccer recruit and Elkhorn High School senior **Stephanie Kirby**, who has been named 1999 Gatorade Nebraska High School Girls Soccer Player of the Year. She begins play for the UNO Mavericks in the fall.

• Only 17 days left until spring football practice begins.

## SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



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## GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Students for Environmental Studies Club Meeting, March 7, 2000 Allwine R 310, Noon Environmental Speaker David Birks will give a presentation.

Attention all Sorority women: Monday, March 6 is National Panhellenic Council Wear Your Badge Day. All Sorority members are encouraged to wear their pin and celebrate our sisterhood.

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